

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 2, 4 and 5. These sheets, which include Figures 1 - 6, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 - 6. Figure 2 has been changed to read as Figure 2a. Figure 2b has been added to show a closer view of what is depicted as item 72 in Figure 2a. In Figure 4, previously omitted element 15 has been added. In Figure 5, element 28 has been changed to read as element 31 and previously omitted element 15 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

1. The Drawings stand objected to on various procedural grounds. Applicants have attached proposed amended drawings believed to overcome the Office's several concerns.

In particular:

(a) In Fig. 2a (original Fig. 2), element 1 has been amended to include an arrowed leader line;

(b) In new Fig. 2b, the shaft head end underside latches 73, which are disposed beneath the shaft head end latch actuators 72, have been added;

(c) In Fig. 4, a leader line and the numeral 15 have been added to direct attention to the self-lubricating bearing or half-bearing ring assembly 15; and

(d) In Fig. 5, the numeral 28 has been changed to 31, element 20 has been amended to include an arrowed leader line, and a representation a self-lubricating bearing or half-bearing ring assembly 15 has been added.

Corresponding amendments have been proposed for the specification, and no new matter has been added. Applicants kindly request approval of the proposed changes at the Office's next convenience.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all outstanding grounds of rejection pending in the case have been overcome, and all claims presented herein are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the case at an early date are respectfully requested.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees, deficiencies, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2413 of Adams and Reese LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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